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My Dear old fr. E. J.

I do not know who is more  
worthy of a "camp meeting", when  
numerous frs. may ~~top~~ come top, to  
testify grateful regard & respect, than  
yourself. You are a veteran of  
2 ~~gt.~~ <sup>gt.</sup> grand armies - ~~very~~  
~~grand ones~~; one which pioneered  
the way ~~which~~ to f. freedom of  
more than 3 million Am. Slaves, and  
delivered our land fr. v. shame & Sin  
of holding them in bondage; the and  
the other <sup>which</sup> has ~~striven~~ <sup>expended</sup> in a  
~~for~~ more protracted warfare - a  
~~warfare yet going on~~ - for the  
deliverance of our ~~whole~~ <sup>large</sup> land, from  
the even worse ~~state~~ Slavery of  
the appetite for strong drink. To  
both of these causes you gave yourself  
~~your best strength~~, in no half-hearted  
way, in ~~the~~ the freshness of y<sup>r</sup>. youth;  
you ~~have~~ never slackened nor quailed  
in ~~their~~ <sup>your</sup> service of ~~them~~; and are still,  
~~as the~~ in your 78<sup>th</sup> year, ~~ende~~  
doing battle for <sup>human</sup> deliverance from  
~~the infernal influence of~~ <sup>the infernal influence of</sup> A strong faith,  
~~your fellow men~~ an unfailing hopefulness, and  
a high courage, were  
necessary for these; and these  
you have constantly ~~had~~ and  
maintained. I am sorry that  
it is not in my power to join  
the weekly conv. friends on  
Sat. next; ~~but for~~  
~~that~~ Failing that, I  
wish by this note to express  
to you my respect & friendship,  
and to offer <sup>you</sup> my <sup>heart</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>valm</sup>  
upon reaching ~~this advantage~~  
~~of a~~ ~~useful~~ ~~life~~,  
numbering in peace & honor.  
Y<sup>r</sup>s. truly Wm. J.